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LIGHT-OFF CHARACTERISTICS  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor and full disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the following U.S. patents to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each item is enclosed.

6,284,323	4,576,800
6,306,515	5,202,303
6,340,500	6,060,173

Applicant also cites the following two references, copies of which are enclosed.

Turbine Resources Unlimited, Inc., copy of web-site page entitled "Expert Coating Capabilities", describes various commercially available thermal barrier coatings.

The publication "Thermal Barrier Coatings: What are they and how can they be used?", by Frank Hermanek, August 12, 1999, by Praxair Surface Technologies, describes thermal barrier coatings.

Applicant reserves the right to contest the applicability of each item described above as prior art to the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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